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Senator Lowell Weicker
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. Attn: Mr. Jack McGowan

Dear Senator Weicker,

Without seeing what have been described as "deeds" by which Mr. Nixon's papers have been consigned to the Archives I can't be sure but based on previous experience with such conveyances I do believe I can show you in them what you did not say about them in your recent statements. Of course, I am limited to what you said that was reported for I also have not seen your statement and its attachments.

Again without direct knowledge, I believe that rather than "deeds" these are contracts. If I correctly understand what I think was in Mr. Nixon's mind besides making money with superficial legality, this is inevitable.

There is precedent for the "gift" to be signed by other than the President.

There is also precedent for ulterior purpose that, in the case I studied, had been entirely undetected.

It is because of a layman's familiarity with the law on such gifts and from this prior study that I believe I can be helpful to you if I can make a study of all the papers by which the Nixon papers were placed in the Archives.

I have my own interests in the investigation of which you are part. In pursuit of them I would like to be able to examine the staff-prepared biography of E. Howard Hunt from which Senator Baker stubbed to read without completing it. If this is not a secret document, and I presume it is not, I would appreciate a copy.

My personal thanks for your effort and your obvious sincerity. And my regrets that they were not able to accomplish more. Had more of your colleagues had your dedication and had you been staffed with a few unrestrained old timers with political experience, it would have been possible.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg